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**PORTION OF NEPONSET RIVER TRAIL
TO BE CLOSED FOR THREE WEEKS**

A portion of the Lower Neponset River Trail will be closed in Boston (Dorchester) for three weeks beginning Monday, March 28, 2005. The closure will allow workers to continue repairs to an overpass that carries trolley-line service from Ashmont Station and is operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

Concrete from the roof of the overpass must be removed and replaced from around the steel beams that support the overpass. Work is only being done to the concrete and does not jeopardize the structural integrity of the overpass. The work will not affect operation of the trolley line.

The trail underneath, however, will be closed for three weeks in order, to protect the public from falling debris resulting from the work.

The contractor (JF White Contracting) began repairs on March 3, 2005 to the Shawmut Junction Overpass (which is closest to Butler Station), but it was determined that additional work is necessary and that it would require temporarily closing the trail.

Signs have been installed at the entrance to the trail at Granite Avenue adjacent to 161 Granite Avenue and the MBTA Butler Street Station advising the public the trail will be closed on March 28, 2005 until April 15th. It will reopen in time for Patriots Day weekend and school vacation week.

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